Study / survey report of Ex-Chairman of Fifth Pay Commission Cell

†3094. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any study/survey report of Ex-Chairman (Maj. Gen. Surjeet Singh) of Fifth Pay commission Cell in the Army Headquarters and according to which the average age of Army Officer and personnel is 72 to 59 years respectively;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) the reaction of Government with regard to the said report;

(d) the steps Government are taking to improve the conditions of the Armymen; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) do not arise.

(d) And (e) The recommendations of the Ajai Vikram Singh Committee regarding reduction in qualifying service required for time scale promotions for Officers, introduction of the rank of Colonel Time-Scale and equivalent and upgradation of posts of Lieutenant Colonels have been implemented. Besides, One-Rank-One-Pension Scheme for Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR), have been initiated by the Government.

Report on Delhi

3095. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the survey of 127 cities of world by The Economist's Intelligent Unit, National Capital Delhi has

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been ranked 108 on livability on account of threat of terrorism, civil unreast and military conflict with questionable quality of public transport, minimal health care indicators and generally filled with corrupt people;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the image and ranking of national capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) It may not be appropriate to comment on the methodology used for making such comparisions. However, it may be stated that Delhi has had no military conflicts or civil unrest. Due to the high rate of economic development, it attracts large number of employment seekers. This would not have been possible if the city was ridden with violence and unrest. As far as health indicators are concerned, it has a life expectancy at birth of 69.6 years, higher then the national average of 62.9 years. The Infant Mortality Rate is 29 as against the national average 66. The hospital Bed-population ratio is 2-21 per thousand against the national average of 0.73. Transport infrastructure has been strengthened through several fly-overs and the metro railway system in recent years.

Mine-proof vehicles for CRPF

3096. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naxals active in some States are using landmines in large scale;

(b) if so, whether the Central forces deployed in the these States do not have Mine-proof vehicles;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) how many vehicles of CRPF have been damaged and number of CRPF personnel died in such landmine blasts; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide Mine-proof vehicles to Central Paramilitary forces?